

10 Things You Need to Know About China

Choose the best answer for each of the following questions.

CHECK COMPREHENSION

1. According to the article, China has the world's

- a highest-paid workforce.
- b largest population.
- c oldest democratic government.
- d all of the above

2. China's economic success has been based largely on

- a agriculture.
- b tourism.
- c manufacturing.
- d technological innovation.

3. In 1949, Mao Zedong ___ in China.

- a introduced free-market reforms
- b created a Communist government
- c became the longest-ruling emperor
- d used landfill to create new islands

4. According to the article, what is one main reason Western companies have begun moving their factories out of China?

- a limits on individual rights in China
- b a lack of Internet access in China
- c a fast-shrinking population in China
- d rising wages in China

ANALYZE THE TEXT

5. What is the author's purpose in noting that "Today, China's booming cities are clogged with traffic"?

- a to contrast China with the United States
- b to describe China's environmental problems
- c to explain how traffic congestion affects China
- d to show that people in China are wealthier than they were 30 years ago

6. When the author writes "... China has managed to nail the Jell-O," she means that China has

- a become a powerhouse.
- b embarrassed itself on the world stage.
- c done something that seemed impossible.
- d none of the above

7. The Great Firewall illustrates China's

- a manufacturing success.
- b authoritarian government.
- c strong economy.
- d military rise.

8. Question 5 of the article asks, "Should the U.S. fear China's rise?" Which sentence best sums up the author's point of view?

- a The U.S. need not be concerned.
- b The U.S. should closely monitor China's growing influence.
- c The U.S. should prepare for a military confrontation with China.
- d none of the above

IN-DEPTH QUESTIONS Please use the other side of this paper for your responses.

9. Why does the author call China an economic and political "contradiction"? Do you agree with this assessment?

10. In what ways has China been flexing its military muscles? Why do you think it's been doing so?

ANALYZE CAUSE & EFFECT

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Making Connections

Noting cause and effect is one technique authors use to draw connections between ideas or events in an informational text. Read "10 Things You Need to Know About China," then complete the grid below with causes and effects described in the article.

CAUSE(S):	EFFECT(S):	PAGE(S):
	China has a large supply of workers willing to labor in factories for low pay.	
Wages have been rising in China.		
	China's government monitors social media and blocks thousands of websites.	
	China had three decades of explosive economic growth.	
Seven million Chinese young people are graduating from college every year.		

SYNTHESIZE: Write a paragraph explaining whether you think Americans should be nervous about China's expanding economic influence. Include some causes and effects mentioned in the article.